

Application Serial No: 10/037,971  
Attorney Docket No.: 51934 (ACT-141)

### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 25-44 are pending in the application. The allowance of claims 32 and 35-44 is noted with appreciation. By the foregoing amendments, each of the rejected claims, claims 25-31 and 33-34, has been revised to depend directly or indirectly from claims indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, the amendments place the application in immediate condition for allowance and entry thereof is proper.

Claims 25, 26 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Kakii et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,818,059), and claims 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Kakii et al*. Claims 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Demangone* (U.S. Patent No. 6,474,878).

Claims 25 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over JP '506 (JP02-272506). These rejections have been obviated by the foregoing amendments, by which the rejected claims have been revised to depend directly or indirectly from one or more allowed claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

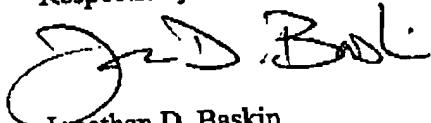
As a final matter, applicants wish to correct an inadvertent misstatement in the previously filed response. In this regard, applicants noted that independent claims 25, 32 and 33 were based largely on claim 1, and further included, among others, features recited in original dependent claim 2. (February 10, 2004 Amendment, at page 7). In preparing this paper, it was discovered that claim 33 as previously presented did not include features of claim 2. As discussed above, claim 33 has been rewritten above in dependent form to depend from an allowed claim.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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